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SUBJECT: UPI ARTICLE ON JULY 20 VOTE ON BENTSON AMENDMENT

1. EL COMERCIO JULY 2 GAVE THREE-COLUMN UPPER-RIGHT-HAND-FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO UPI STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON SAYING U.S. SENATE "WILL ELIMINATE JULY 20 THE CONTROVERSIAL CLAUSE" OF TRA WHICH EXCLUDES VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR FROM GSP.

2. STORY HEADLINED: "DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ECUADOR WILL BE ELIMINATED," WITH SUBHEADER "U.S. SENATOR JULY 20 WILL REMOVE CLAUSE FROM DISPUTED TRADE ACT."

3. EL UNIVERSO OF GUAYAQUIL ALSO FRONT-PAGED SAME STORY UNDER HEADLINE: "ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA WILL BENEFIT WHEN U.S. ELIMINATES ANTI-OPEC CLAUSE FROM TRADE ACT."

4. SECOND PARAGRAPH OF UPI STORY EXPLAINED THAT THE "SO-CALLED 'ANTI-OPEC CLAUSE', A SERIOUS IRRITANT IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GOVERNMENTS IN CARACAS AND QUITO, WILL BE ELIMINATED" BY THE BENTSON AMENDMENT.

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5. BENTSON AMENDMENT, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, HAS HAD WHITE HOUSE SUPPORT SINCE IT WAS PRESENTED LAST YEAR AND IS INCLUDED IN A BILL OF A MINOR NATURE WHOSE APPROVAL IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

6. "SPECI-
FICALLY, THE BILL CONTINUES "THE LIFTING OF TARIFFS

ON IMPORT OF CERTAIN TYPES OF HORSES," STORY ADDED. "A SPOKESMAN
FOR SENATOR BENTSEN CONFIRMED THAT ANTI-OPEC CLAUSE WAS
INCLUDED THIS WEEK IN A PROPOSED BILL ON LIFTING IMPORT DUTIES ON
LBRSES (H.R. 9401) WHICH WAS GOING TO BE TAKEN UP IN RECENT DAYS
BEFORE THE JULY FOURTH RECESS.

7. "IT IS ASSURED (SE DA POR DESCOTADO) THAT THE BILL WILL
BE APPROVED, POSSIBLY BY A VOICE VOTE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SENATE'S
HEAVY WORK THIS WEEK IT WAS AGREED TODAY (JULY 1) TO PUT OFF THE VOTE
UNTIL JULY 20, WHEN BENTSEN WILL MAKE A SPEECH ON THE FLOOR OF
THE HOUSE CONCERNING THE ANTI-OPEC MEASURE."
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